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Talking Points for Telephone Conversation with
Senator Durenberger

-The drug bill the Senate will consider tomorrow includes a section establishing priorities for collecting narcotics intelligence abroad, directing the preparation of estimates of illicit drug crops and requiring reports to the Congress on results.

-Although narcotics intelligence has a high priority and will benefit from greater resources in the future, I do not think it is appropriate for the Congress to use open legislation as a way to task the intelligence agencies regarding what kind of intelligence to collect and how to report it.

-Such matters are a normal part of discussion and interchange between the Intelligence Committees and the intelligence agencies.

-I understand that you agree with the above and are prepared to support measures that your staff and the Majority Leader's staff consider necessary to make appropriate changes.

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